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a summary of Soviet military activities along the Soviet-Iranian border during the period 3 - 13 May 1951.

1. Pol Dasht
11 or 12 May

Westbound rail traffic from Dzghulfa to Nakhichevan included eight carloads of ammunition boxes and three cars carrying troops.

13 May

Westbound rail traffic from Nakhichevan to Yerevan included 12 heavy machine guns, an unknown number of troops, and two artillery pieces.

Eastbound road traffic from Yerevan to Nakhichevan included 13 armored cars, each equipped with a gun.

Westbound road traffic from Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan included one truck carrying troops.

Westbound rail traffic from Dzulfu to Nakhichevan included one carload of ammunition, one car carrying five guns, and one car loaded with anti-aircraft guns.

Road traffic included one truck of armed troops from Shah Takhti to the opposite post (sic).

2. Dzhulfa
3 May

Westbound road traffic from Ordubad to Dzhulfa included one truck with a gun.

3. Astara
12 May

Southbound road traffic on the Lenkoran highway to Astara included 12 vehicles and one group of armed infantry.

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13 May

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included 16 vehicles.

Eastbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and Astara included two trucks carrying 31 troops.

Westbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west was routine in nature.

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara included 13 vehicles carrying ten officers, and five trucks full of troops.

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included 22 vehicles carrying an unspecified number of troops.

Westbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post west included four vehicles and one truck carrying an unspecified number of civilians and troops.

Eastbound road traffic between the last post west and Masjed Mahalleh included four trucks full of troops.

Five artillery salvos were fired at Haidar Mahalleh.

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